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waves when traced by cohort analysis. In effect, as one disease or cancer of a particular site decreases in rate, another disease or cancer location will proportionately increase in frequency. Dr. Lees believes it is possible to predict when cancer rates will rise and fall decades before they actually do so by using the wave theory. In this regard, he does not believe that information on environmental exposures such as smoking is particularly helpful in analyzing cancer incidence.

In the present research, Dr. Lees plans to follow-up his earlier lung cancer work by analyzing mortality data from the British Registrar General's office. As for time availability to work on the project, Dr. Lees officially retired from the practice of pathology this summer and works on an as requested basis at local hospitals.

We have discussed the proposal with Dr. Sommers and he believes it should be supported. We recommend that the research proposal be approved and funded as a CTR Special Project.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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